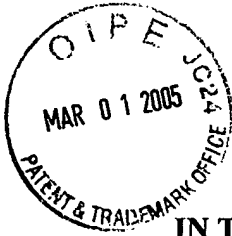


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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated December 1, 2004, rejecting claims 1-27, Applicants submit the following amendments, and respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified U.S. patent application in view of the remarks that follow.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.